



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Berry Creek Shaded Fuel Break Phase 1		
PROJECT LOCATION	Portions of Bald Rock Road , Zink Ranch Road and Martin Hill Lane. approximately 14 miles north and east of Oroville Ca. Portions of Sections 25,26,36 T21N, R5E, and Sections 30,31, T21N, R6E, MDBM	COUNTY	Butte
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves the hand clearing of brush, small trees (trees less than 6" in diameter) and dead woody debris (snags less than 11" in diameter) along both sides of portions of Bald Rock Road, Martin Hill Road and Zink Road to reduce the fire hazard and create a fuel break within the 200' of the road centerline. The project will treat approximately 40 acres. Fuels will be hand piled for burning later in the season when moisture levels are sufficiently high enough to allow for safe disposal and minimal risk for escape.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ **Categorical Exemption** Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 Minor Alterations to Land
Class 7 §15307 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources
& Class 8 §15308 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment
- ☐ **Statutory Exemption (state code section):**
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits within the definitions of the above-listed three Categorical Exemptions authorized in the CEQA Guidelines. Field review and office research conducted by Randolph Vasquez and confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. I have concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at, 1600 Feather River Blvd Suite B, Oroville, California, CA 95965, Attn. Randolph Vasquez.

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